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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. (to be assigned); filed (herewith)
For: **RNA Isolation Reagent and Methods**
Inventor: Domenica A. Simms
Our Ref: 0942.3840001/RWE

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

RNA Isolation Reagent and Methods

and naming as inventor:

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the application comprising:

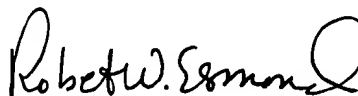
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 - 4 pages of claims (claims 1-20); and
 - 1 page abstract;
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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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	First Named Inventor or Application Identifier	Domenica A. Simms
	Title	RNA Isolation Reagent and Methods
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
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- Descriptive title of the Invention
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 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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